

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-0505**

March 2, 2006

The Honorable Michael Chertoff  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
Washington, DC 20528

Dear Secretary Chertoff,

I understand that you have agreed to visit Sacramento in the coming weeks. While in Sacramento you will have an opportunity to view many critical infrastructure, including our levees. I hope that you will take advantage of this visit to consider the importance and significance of the critical infrastructure that you will see in relation to our homeland security and emergency preparedness needs.

As you know, my community has greatly benefited from Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) funding. Just as with natural disaster preparedness and mitigation, I am a firm believer that a proactive investment in homeland security needs can ultimately save lives and protect property. Your visit is an opportunity to show how well Sacramento has used UASI funding to ensure the safety of our community. I strongly believe that Sacramento should continue to receive this funding and would be happy to assist you in arranging meetings with our local law enforcement to hear the concerns that they have expressed to me and other elected officials.

Sacramento's security funding is of the utmost importance to me and I appreciate your taking the time to visit Sacramento. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to assist you to make sure that your visit is as valuable as possible. I look forward to further discussions on Sacramento's security needs.

Sincerely,



DORIS O. MATSUI  
Member of Congress

cc: Pamela Turner, Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Dept. of Homeland Security;  
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of Sacramento; The Honorable Heather Fargo, Mayor of Sacramento; Terry Schutten, County  
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